

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Previously Presented): An external preparation, that is a poultice or plaster, comprising following ingredients (A) and (B):

(A) pitavastatin, atorvastatin, a salt of pitavastatin, or a salt of atorvastatin,

and

(B) at least one monoterpene selected from the group consisting of menthol, terpineol, citronellal, and combinations thereof,

wherein the external preparation does not contain ethanol.

Claims 2-3 (Cancelled).

Claim 4 (Previously Presented): The external preparation according to claim 1, wherein the ingredient (A) is pitavastatin calcium or atorvastatin calcium.

Claims 5-6 (Cancelled).

Claim 7 (Previously Presented): The external preparation according to claim 1, wherein the monoterpene is menthol.

Claim 8 (Previously Presented): The external preparation according to claim 1, comprising 0.001 to 20% by mass of ingredient (A) with respect to the total amount of the external preparation.

Claim 9 (Previously Presented): The external preparation according to claim 1, comprising 0.01 to 15% by mass of the monoterpene with respect to the total amount of the external preparation.

Claim 10 (Previously Presented): The external preparation according to claim 1, wherein the monoterpene is terpineol.

Claim 11 (Previously Presented): The external preparation according to claim 1, wherein the monoterpene is citronellal.

Claim 12 (Previously Presented): The external preparation according to claim 1, wherein the monoterpene is a combination of menthol, terpineol, and citronellal.

Claim 13 (Previously Presented): The external preparation according to claim 1, wherein the ingredient (A) is pitavastatin calcium.

Claim 14 (Previously Presented): The external preparation according to claim 1, wherein the ingredient (A) is atorvastatin calcium.

Claim 15 (Cancelled)

Claim 16 (Cancelled)

Claim 17 (Previously Presented): The external preparation according to claim 1, wherein the ingredient (A) is pitavastatin calcium, and wherein the at least one monoterpene is menthol.

Claim 18 (Previously Presented): The external preparation according to claim 1, wherein the external preparation is a poultice.

Claim 19 (Previously Presented): The external preparation according to claim 1, wherein the external preparation is a plaster.

Claim 20 (Previously Presented): The external preparation according to claim 1, wherein the external preparation is a plaster, wherein the ingredient (A) is pitavastatin calcium, and wherein the monoterpene is menthol.

Claim 21 (Previously Presented): The external preparation according to claim 20, wherein the external preparation further comprises liquid paraffin, a styrene-isoprene-styrene copolymer, an alicyclic saturated hydrocarbon resin, and a polyoxyethylenelaurylether.

Claim 22 (Previously Presented): The external preparation according to claim 21, wherein the liquid paraffin comprises 37.5 parts by mass of the external preparation, wherein the styrene-isoprene-styrene copolymer comprises 20 parts by mass of the external preparation, wherein the alicyclic saturated hydrocarbon resin comprises 35 parts by mass of the external preparation, wherein the pitavastatin calcium comprises 0.5 parts by mass of the external preparation, wherein the polyoxyethylenelaurylether comprises 5 parts by mass of the external preparation, wherein the menthol comprises 2 parts by mass of the external

preparation, and wherein the total parts by mass of the external preparation is 100 parts by mass.

Claim 23 (Cancelled)

Claim 24 (Previously Presented): The external preparation according to claim 7, wherein the menthol is 1-menthol.

Claim 25 (New): The external preparation according to claim 1, wherein the external preparation is a poultice, wherein the ingredient (A) is pitavastatin calcium or atorvastatin calcium, and wherein the monoterpene is menthol.

Claim 26 (New): The external preparation according to claim 25, wherein the external preparation further comprises polyethyleneglycol, glycerin, carmellose sodium, magnesium aluminometasilicate, sodium polyacrylate, partially neutralized polyacrylic acid, tartaric acid, kaolin, D-sorbitol, and water.

Claim 27 (New): The external preparation according to claim 26, wherein the external preparation comprises, based on 100 parts by mass:

- 10 parts by mass of polyethyleneglycol,
- 15 parts by mass of glycerin,
- 4 parts by mass of carmellose sodium,
- 0.75 parts by mass of magnesium aluminometasilicate,
- 2 parts by mass of sodium polyacrylate,
- 2 parts by mass of partially neutralized polyacrylic acid,

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0.25 parts by mass of tartaric acid,
3 parts by mass of kaolin, and
25 parts by mass of a 70% D-sorbitol solution.